



Task Force 82nd Engineers has been busy these past two weeks on **Blue Babe Highway** conducting deterrence and interdiction operations, focused on eliminating improvised explosive device cells. Their hard work, along with the help of the Brigade Reconnaissance Troop, has dramatically decreased the functional capacity of these cells. **Task Force 82nd** has also been successful in training the newest members of the Iraqi National Guard (ING)



155 new recruits gathered about ten days ago and began their basic training course. **Task Force 82nd** NCOs, with assistance from ING NCOs, put the new recruits of the 204th ING Battalion through classes on drill and ceremony, physical fitness, first-aid, radio procedures and basic marksmanship. The continual work of **Task Force 82nd** and the ING is helping to shape the future for Diyala Province.